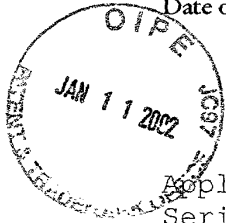


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In reference to the notice to file corrected application papers enclosed is a substituted specification for the above-referenced case. The substitute specification is submitted in response to objections to the margins. No new matter has been added.

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